

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William P. O'Sullivan (Reg. No. 59,005) on 3/25/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 15:

In line 4, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 9, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 10, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 11, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 13, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 15, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 16, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

Claim 16:

In line 2, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 4, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

Claim 17:

In line 2, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 3, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 4, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

Claim 18:

In line 2, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 3, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

In line 4, replace -- "means" -- with -- "device" --.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2:

In line 17, replace -- "the invention of claim 1" -- with -- "one aspect of the invention" --.

In line 32, replace -- "the invention in claim 2" -- with -- "another aspect of the invention" --.

On page 3:

In line 1, delete the phrase -- "according to claim 1" --.

In line 4, replace -- "the invention in claim 3" -- with -- "another aspect of the invention" --.

In line 5, delete the phrase -- "according to claim 1" --.

In line 11, replace -- "the invention in claim 4" -- with -- "another aspect of the invention" --.

In line 12, delete the phrase -- "according to claim 3" --.

In line 18, replace -- "the invention in claim 5" -- with -- "another aspect of the invention" --.

In line 19, delete the phrase -- "according to claim 1" --.

In line 22, replace -- "the invention in claim 6" -- with -- "another aspect of the invention" --.

In line 31, replace -- "the invention in claim 7" -- with -- "another aspect of the invention" --.

In line 32, delete the phrase -- "according to claim 6" --.

On page 4:

In line 3, replace -- "the invention in claim 8" -- with -- "another aspect of the invention" --.

In line 4, delete the phrase -- "according to claim 6" --.

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In line 8, replace -- "the invention in claim 9" -- with -- "another aspect of the invention" --.

In line 9, delete the phrase -- "according to claim 8" --.

In line 13, replace -- "the invention in claim 10" -- with -- "another aspect of the invention" --.

In line 14, delete the phrase -- "according to claim 6" --.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to papers filed on 12/18/08.

Response to Amendment

2. In response to applicant's amendment received on 12/18/08, all requested changes to the claims have been entered. Claims 11-18 have been added. Claims 1-10 have been cancelled.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, pages 6-9, filed 12/18/08, with respect to claims 11 and 15 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 USC 103(a) rejection of directed to claims 1-10, previously presented, will not be reapplied to new claims 11-18.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 11-18 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claims 11 and 15, refer to the Applicant's remarks, pages 6-9, filed 12/18/08, for the reasons of allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON W. CARTER whose telephone number is (571)272-7445. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 4:30 am (Mon. - Fri.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Werner can be reached on (571) 272-7401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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